

POLICY

It is the policy of the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) Bureau of Juvenile Justice (BJJ) that the use of juveniles for medical, non-medical, pharmaceutical or cosmetic experiments is prohibited.

PURPOSE

This policy clarifies boundaries of medical experimentation to ensure that any research involving BJJ youths is appropriate.

DEFINITIONS

See JRG, JJ Residential Glossary.

**RESPONSIBLE
STAFF**

Designated in the facility standard operating procedure.

PROCEDURE

Each facility is required to develop and implement standard operating procedures (SOPs) relative to medical experimentation. At a minimum, these SOPs must contain the following requirements:

**Medical
Experimentation**

The use of juveniles for medical, pharmaceutical or cosmetic experiments is prohibited.

This does not preclude individual treatment of a juvenile based on his/her need for a specific medical procedure that is not generally available.

**Non-Medical
Research**

Statistical, psychological and social research may be conducted only when it is approved by:

- The facility director.
- The DHS office of performance excellence after completing and submitting a written request as described in the procedures of that office.

- The director of the BJJ residential facilities division.
- The director of the BJJ.

DHS supervised youths are only allowed to participate in a research study if the appropriate authorizing party determines the study is in the best interest of the youths. Even with authorization, the youth may decline to participate.

Legal Status	Authorizing Party for Research/Study Participation
Temporary Court Ward	Court/judge and parent or legal guardian or youth if age 18 or over unless youth has been determined incompetent.
Permanent Court Ward	Court/judge or youth if age 18 or over unless youth has been determined incompetent.
Delinquent State Ward (1974 PA 150)	DHS director or designee or youth if age 18 or over unless youth has been determined incompetent.
Dual Wards (1974 PA 150 and 1935 PA 220 or 1974 PA 296)	DHS director or designee and the MCI superintendent, or youth if age 18 or over unless youth has been determined incompetent.

AUTHORITY

Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.115a(1)(l)